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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3457

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, SY, GW, GE, PL
SUBJECT: SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD TO VISIT WEST AND EAST GERMANY
AND POLAND

1. ACCORDING TO A WELL INFORMED LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WHO
PARTICIPATED IN RECENT VISIT TO SYRIA OF GDR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
KLEIBER, PRESIDENT ASSAD WILL BALANCE HIS VISIT TO WEST
GERMANY IN SEPTEMBER WITH VISIT TO EAST GERMANY AND POLAND
IN AUGUST.

2. COMMENT: WE RECALL THAT AT TIME OF ASSAD'S VISIT TO
MOSCOW LAST FEBRUARY SARG HAD SOUNDED OUT SEVERAL
EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS ABOUT POSSIBLE STOPOVERS ENROUTE
BACK TO DAMASCUS BUT TIME HAD BEEN TOO SHORT TO MAKE
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS WITHIN CUSTOMARY FRAMEWORK
OF ASSAD'S CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO WEST THAT HE WOULD WANT
TO BALANCE VISIT TO BONN WITH VISITS TO ONE OR MORE
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